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SUBJ: FRELIMO FIRES AT GORONGOSA GAME PARK CAMP

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 447

1. AT REGULAR MONTHLY MILITARY BRIEFING FOR CONSULAR CORPS
TODAY WE WERE TOLD THAT AT 7:00 P.M., JULY 18, THREE FRELIMO
GUERRILLAS FIRED SHORT BURST WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AT
CHITENGO TOURIST CAMP IN GORONGOSA GAME PARK. NO CASUALTIES
OR DAMAGE AND GUERRILLAS FLED IMMEDIATELY.

2. WHILE MILITARY SPOKESMAN MADE LIGHT OF AFFAIR, OBVIOUS
THAT THIS INCIDENT, AT MAIN TOURIST CAMP IN GAME PARK,
FOLLOWING ON HEELS OF RECENT AMBUSH AT AIRSTRIP NORTH OF
GORONGOSA IN WHICH SPANISH SURGEON WAS KILLED, LIKELY RECEIVE
WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY WHICH MAY WELL AFFECT TOURIST TRADE.

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RM INCIDENT IN ITSELF HAS LITTLE MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE BUT

COULD, OF COURSE, HAVE FAR REACHING PSYCHOLOGICAL RESULTS, PARTICULARLY IF FOLLOWED BY FURTHER INCIDENTS IN OR NEAR GORONGOSA.

4. GENERAL KAULZA DE ARRIAGA TOLD ME JULY 14TH THAT AFTER SPANISH SURGEON DEATH HE HAD SENT TWO BATTALIONS INTO GORONGOSA PARK REGION AND THAT IN SEPTEMBER, ENTIRE FORCE OF 5,000 GES PRESENTLY UNDERGOING TRAINING AT DONDO WOULD ALSO BEGIN OPERATING IN AREA. PORTUGUESE ARE THUS TAKING THREAT VERY SERIOUSLY.

5. INCIDENT HAS NOT YET BEEN MENTIONED IN LOCAL NEWS MEDIA AND NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER MOZAMBIQUE AUTHORITIES WILL ISSUE STATEMENT. WE WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATION RE DESIRABILITY OF U.S. OFFICIAL WARNING TO POTENTIAL AMERICAN VISITORS AS SITUATION EVOLVES. IN MEANTIME, WE INTEND INFORMALLY ADVISE POTENTIAL AMERICAN VISITORS COMING TO OUR ATTENTION OF FACTS AND TELL THEM THEY VISIT PARK AT OWN RISK.
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